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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97

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SIR:

Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

#### REFERENCES

- The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the references are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.
- ☐ A check is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

### RELATED CASES

- Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. A copy of the patent(s), together with a copy of the claims and drawings of the pending application(s) is attached along with PTO 1449.
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#### CERTIFICATION

- ☐ Each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.
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# **LIST OF RELATED CASES**

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